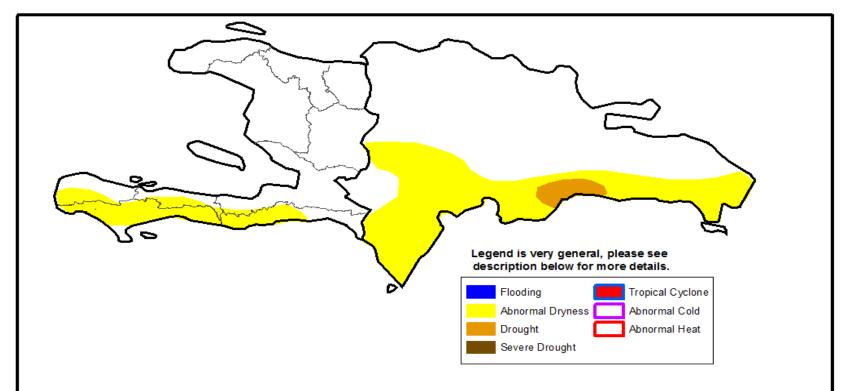


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 24 – July 30, 2014

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Since the beginning of May, Hispaniola has received below-average rains. The largest seasonal deficits remained over the western two-thirds of southern Haiti and the southern coastlines and eastern portions of the Dominican Republic. Since the start of the season, accumulated rains have accounted only between 25-50 percent of the average over these dry portions of the Island. During the past week, light to moderate rains fell over the northwestern, southwestern, and central parts of Haiti and western and northeastern Dominican Republic. Little rains were, however, observed elsewhere, maintaining drier than average conditions over much of Hispaniola. The poor spatial and temporal distribution of rainfall over the past few months has already negatively impacted the livelihoods of people over many local areas of Hispaniola. Recent vegetation indices showed persisting deteriorated and below-average conditions over many local areas along southern Haiti and southern Dominican Republic. For next week, no relief to dryness is expected over Hispaniola as suppressed rains are forecast to continue. Moderate showers are possible over the Sud-Est department of Haiti and the central parts of the Dominican Republic. Little to no rainfall is expected elsewhere. This may increase moisture deficits further and worsen ground conditions over many local areas.